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About the Author

Neal Stephenson is the author of *Reamde*, *Anathem*, and the three-volume historical epic the Baroque Cycle (*Quicksilver*, *The Confusion*, and *The System of the World*), as well as *Cryptonomicon*, *The Diamond Age*, *Snow Crash*, and *Zodiac*. He lives in Seattle, Washington.

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